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FINAL MINUTES FOR SUMMARY ACTION TELECONFERENCE MEETING **Held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28, 2005** **9545 E. Doubletree Ranch Road • Scottsdale, Arizona**

Board Members

Tim B. Hunter, M.D., Chair
William R. Martin III, M.D., Vice Chair
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Patrick N. Connell, M.D.
Ronnie R. Cox, Ph.D.
Robert P. Goldfarb, M.D.
Becky Jordan
Ram R. Krishna, M.D.
Lorraine L. Mackstaller, M.D.
Sharon B. Megdal, Ph.D.
Paul M. Petelin Sr., M.D.
Dona Pardo, Ph.D., R.N.

CALL TO ORDER

William R. Martin, III M.D., Vice Chair called the meeting to Order at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present: Patrick N. Connell, M.D., Ronnie R. Cox, Ph.D., Robert P. Goldfarb, M.D., Becky Jordan, Douglas D. Lee, M.D., Lorraine Mackstaller, M.D., William R. Martin, III, M.D., Dona Pardo, R.N., Ph.D. Ram R. Krishna, M.D. joined the call at 12:06 p.m. The following Board Members were not present: Tim B. Hunter, M.D., Sharon B. Megdal, Ph.D., and Paul M. Petelin, Sr., M.D.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC – 12:00 p.m.

No one was present for the Call to the Public.

TIME SPECIFIC MATTER					
NO.	CASE NO.	COMPLAINANT v PHYSICIAN		LIC. #	RESOLUTION
1.	MD-05-0885A	AMB	TAMMY L. TADOM, M.D.	31547	Summary Suspension

Tammy L. Tadom, M.D. was not present.

Maricarmen Martinez, Senior Medical Investigator, presented the case to the Board. On August 22, 2005, Board staff received a report from Kayenta Health Center that adverse action had been taken against Dr. Tadom. Dr. Tadom was found to have diverted a small amount of narcotics for personal use prompting termination of her staff membership and privileges with Kayenta Health Center. Dr. Tadom had documented on a patient's chart that she prescribed and dispensed Acetaminophen/Oxycodone. However, Dr. Tadom diverted the medication to herself. When confronted, Dr. Tadom admitted to the diversion.

On August 24, 2005 Ms. Martinez mailed a notice of the allegation of diverting narcotics for personal use to Dr. Tadom. Ms. Martinez also called Dr. Tadom on the three phone numbers of record and sent an e-mail. Ms. Martinez was unable to contact Dr. Tadom through any of these attempts. A second notice was mailed to Dr. Tadom on September 2, 2005 to both addresses of record.

Dr. Tadom left a message for Ms. Martinez on September 27, 2005 with a new phone number. Dr. Tadom indicated she had received the Board's notice and was attempting to obtain an attorney. Ms. Martinez left a message for Dr. Tadom on September 28, 2005 to provide a current address and fax number so she could be noticed for the September 28, 2005 meeting. Dr. Tadom was also provided with a phone number to call if she would like to participate in the Teleconference Call the same day.

MOTION: William R. Martin, III, M.D. moved to go into Executive Session.

SECONDED: Ram R. Krishna, M.D.

VOTE: 9-0

The Board went into Executive Session at 12:08 p.m. The Board returned to open session at 12:10 p.m.

Dr. Krishna stated the case was straightforward; the physician was an imminent danger to public health and safety and there was no option but to Summarily Suspend the license.

MOTION: Ram R. Krishna, M.D. moved to summarily suspend the license.

SECONDED: Robert P. Goldfarb, M.D.

Dr. Martin asked Ms. Martinez why the specific amounts of diverted Narcotics were not divulged to the Board. Ms. Martinez stated she was unable to obtain the quantity other than that "a couple of vials with pills" were diverted. Dr. Connell noted there may be an issue of impairment with the physician that would present an imminent danger to the public because since she was not complying with the investigation there is no way for the Board to determine her status.

Dr. Goldfarb further stated that a second danger to the public was the fact that medications were diverted from a patient for whom they were intended.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was taken and the following Board Members voted in favor of the motion: Patrick N. Connell, M.D., Ronnie R. Cox, Ph.D., Robert P. Goldfarb, M.D., Becky Jordan, Ram R. Krishna, M.D. Douglas D. Lee, M.D., Lorraine Mackstaller, M.D., William R. Martin, III, M.D., Dona Pardo, R.N., Ph.D.

The following board Members were absent: Tim B. Hunter, M.D., Sharon B. Megdal, Ph.D., Paul M. Petelin, Sr., M.D.

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain/recuse, 3-absent

MOTION PASSED

The meeting adjourned 12:14 p.m.



Timothy C. Miller, J.D., Executive Director